Randolph County Opioid Board Meeting Minutes
Date: September 18, 2025
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Wees Annex

Call to Order

Chairman David Kesling opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Cris Siler, David Kesling, Erin Golden, Shelby Wilson, Kim Urban, Sherri Collett
Absent: Chris See, Rob Elbon, Michael Parker, Elizabeth Shahan, Heather Brown

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1. Update from Ally's Hope (Shelby Wilson)

- Shelby reported on renovations at Ally's Hope women's recovery home.
- Flooring replacement became necessary after damage to the existing hardwood.
- Original repair quotes were around $7,000, but discounts and donations reduced the cost to $3,000 still needed.
- Sunny's donated the dining room flooring; volunteers and family assisted with painting, landscaping, and other updates.
- The home need beds, mattresses, and supplies ready for residents. First referral is waiting for placement once insurance is finalized.
- Opening is anticipated by **end of October**, pending liability insurance approval.
- Shelby requested an **additional $3,000** in funding to cover flooring expenses.
- **Motion made by David Kesling and seconded by Sherri Collett to approve $3,000. Motion carried.**

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2. Lighthouse Community Recovery Home

- David shared a letter about the background on their men's sober living program, which has operated for 5 years without public funding.
- They have served over 60 individuals in the past year, including justice-involved individuals and veterans.
- Expressed support for Ally's Hope and emphasized the need for infrastructure investment in Lighthouse.
- No funding request was made at this time, but they requested future consideration.

- The board agreed to **invite Lighthouse to present at a future meeting.**

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3. Tucker-Randolph Child Advocacy Center

- The CAC currently receives **$20,000** annually from Randolph County.
- They requested an **additional $12,000** from opioid settlement funds, bringing their total request to $32,000.
- Chairman Kesling will discuss a possible joint funding partnership with Tucker County's Commission President at the upcoming **County Commission Association Board of Directors meeting.**

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4. EMS Equipment Requests (Kurt)

- EMS requested funding for:
  - **Power stair chairs** for patient transport in locations inaccessible by stretcher.
  - **Lift system** for Harmon's EMS truck, reducing risk of staff injuries.
- Total request: **$57,796**.
- Discussion noted the need for clear categorization of equipment requests for reporting and compliance with MOU requirements.
- Proposal will be reviewed further before action.

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5. Game Changer Program (Schools)

- Program has launched in county schools following Board of Education approval.
- Mentors (counselors) are in place at **Elkins High School** and **Tygarts Valley High School**.
- A mentor has not yet been placed at **Elkins Middle School.**
- The initiative focuses on prevention, student leadership, and peer mentoring.
- Board expressed optimism about program outcomes.

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6. Other Updates

- Community Corrections updates were noted.
- Ally's Hope is continuing progress on renovations and staffing. House Manager will be **Chandra Sturdivant**, who has experience as a peer support specialist and is in long-term recovery.

Adjournment

Chairman David Kesling closed the meeting at **3:30 PM.**

Next Meeting: Scheduled for December 18th, 2025.